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SUBJECT: DETAINED US MISSIONARIES

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1. ACCORDING TO OUR BEST ESTIMATES, SEVEN
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE HAVE PRIVATE CITIZENS IN JAIL. SCORE CARD
IS AS FOLLOWS: UK-1; TANZANIA-5; ITALY-3; ZAMBIA-4; US-3; SWAZILAND1: AND PORTUGUAL-NUMEROUS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PORTUGUESE
(WHO ARE BEING HELD FOR VARIETY OF REASON), NEARLY HALF OF
OTHERS BEING DETAINED ARE MISSIONARIES.
BRITISH ALSO HAVE SIX

BLACK RHODESIANS (WHO THEY HAVE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR) IN JAIL.

2. BRITISH ARE UNDER SOME PRESSURE TO GET THEIR EUROPEAN DETAINEE RELEASED AND THUS SUPPORT IDEA OF JOINT DEMARCHE BY DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO GPRM ABOUT DETAINEEES. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. AT APPROPRIATE OCCASION BRITISH AMBASSADOR PLANS TO ASK TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA (WHO IS CURRENTLY IN DAR) TO CALL MEETING OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. ISSUE OF JOINT DEMARCHE WILL BE DISCUSSED THEN. IN MEANTIME WE INTEND TO QUIETLY ASK ZAMBIAN AND SWAZI REPS WHAT THEY THINK OF THIS IDEA.

4. PORTUGUESE SEEM TO BE ACTING UNILATERALLY ON THIS ISSUE. WE UNDERSTAND PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN (VITOR CRESPO) RECENTLY EXPRESSED GOP CONCERN OVER NUMBEROUS CITIZENS BEING DETAINED AND S.A. RADIO SPECULATED JAN 14 THAT STOPPAGE OF TAP SERVICE TO MOZAMBIQUE A SIGN OF INCREASING GOP DISPLAEASURE OF THIS. CARSON

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